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Rep. Dale Grubb  
Sen. Patricia Miller  
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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EVALUATION OVERSIGHT POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

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### MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

**Meeting Date:** October 12, 2006  
**Meeting Time:** 2:00 P.M.  
**Meeting Place:** State House, 200 W. Washington St.,  
Room 404  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 1

**Members Present:** Rep. Timothy Brown, Chairperson; Rep. Dale Grubb; Sen. Patricia Miller; Sen. Richard Young

**Members Absent:** None.

#### Call to Order and Introduction

Rep. Timothy Brown called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to select a topic for evaluation under IC 2-5-21.

#### Updates on Reports

Rep. Brown called on Ms. Karen Firestone, LSA, to update the Subcommittee on LSA's current project. Ms. Firestone said that a report on a survey of Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) service providers and a survey of FSSA service consumers would be presented to the FSSA Evaluation Committee on October 23, 2006. The survey of FSSA service providers was a written survey completed by LSA staff, and the survey of FSSA service consumers was conducted by the Research Center at IUPUI by telephone.

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### Future Topics for Evaluation

Rep. Brown indicated that the Subcommittee was charged with recommending to the Legislative Council a topic for evaluation. Ms. Diane Powers, LSA, indicated that a topic concerning health care was listed in the statute for evaluation this year, but that the Subcommittee may choose a topic outside this area.

Sen. Patricia Miller said that she would like the topic to focus on health care and mentioned looking at health insurance costs. Rep. Brown recommended that the topic focus on a state agency and suggested that it could focus on health insurance for state employees. Sen. Miller said she would also like to look at the delivery of health care through the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), and combining IDOH with Medicaid.

Rep. Brown discussed the prison health system including chronic illness and mental health problems as a potential topic. He also suggested looking at technology in health care. Sen. Miller suggested that looking at preparedness for pandemic or other health crises might also be a good topic.

Rep. Dale Grubb said that he had received a number of constituent letters concerning reimbursement for medical transportation and the Meals on Wheels program. Sen. Miller said that to look at these issues, the Subcommittee may have to make the area agencies on aging the topic of the evaluation. Sen. Richard Young said that he would like to see the topic remain with health care.

More discussion of the topics concerning health care ensued. Sen. Miller asked Ms. Powers if LSA could look at more than one topic. Ms. Powers explained that LSA had looked at more than one topic in the past, but that those were small reports. Sen. Miller suggested that the Subcommittee recommend looking at health care issues for two years.

Discussion continued until the Subcommittee narrowed the recommendation to two smaller topics: (1) a survey of the status of inmate health in the state prison system; and (2) an inventory of IDOH programs. Sen. Miller suggested that the Subcommittee could make further recommendations after receiving these two reports. Ms. Powers pointed out that under the statute the reports go to a committee appointed to receive the studies, but that the Subcommittee could recommend the reports come back to the Subcommittee as well.

Rep. Brown asked for a motion that the recommendation to the Legislative Council would call for a survey of the status of inmate health in the state prison system and an inventory of IDOH programs and that the report be presented to both the committee appointed to receive the studies and the Legislative Council Evaluation and Oversight Policy Subcommittee. The motion was offered by Sen. Miller and seconded by Sen. Young. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.